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For: EXCISING COMPROMISED ROUTERS
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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL ACTION (37 C.F.R. SECTION 1.116)

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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Final Office Action dated September 9, 2004 (Paper No. 09012004), finally rejecting claims 1-36, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows. The prosecution on the merits has been reopened by a Request for Continued Examination also filed herewith.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 15 of this paper.